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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: AEMR, APER, LA

SUBJECT: U.S. PRESENCE IN LAOS

REF: VIENTIANE 3869

KUALA LUMPUR AND BANGKOK FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

1. YOUR INSTRUCTIONS CALL FOR YOU TO REDUCE THE MISSION  
STAFF TO UNDER 50 BY JUNE 5, AND WE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU  
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FELT ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WITHIN THAT TIME FRAME. WE

ARE THEREFORE CONCERNED THAT REFTTEL PROPOSES, IF WE READ IT CORRECTLY, KEEPING CONSIDERABLY MORE MISSION PERSONNEL (INCLUDING USAID) UNTIL JUNE 30 IF NECESSARY.

2. WE

PARTICULARLY QUESTION THE PROPOSED SIZE OF THE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC SECTION, THE NEED FOR TWO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, AND THE SIZE OF DATT. WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER, WE NOTE THAT AN EARLIER DATT MESSAGE PROPOSED TO CUT BACK TO THREE PLUS SUPPORTING STAFF. WITH REGARD TO DATT AND THE EMBASSY AS A WHOLE, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD RECONSIDER THE MISSION'S COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS WITH A VIEW TO ELIMINATING ALL POSSIBLE DUPLICATION.

3. REQUEST ON URGENT BASIS BREAKDOWN BY AGENCIES AND SECTIONS OF YOUR PRESENT PERSONNEL, YOUR FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, AND YOUR PLANS FOR ACCOMPLISHING THE ORDERED REDUCTION TO LESS THAN 50 BY JUNE 5. INGERSOLL

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